



Charles Pinckney National Historic Site

Three RV sites located at CHPI exist to enable both Charles Pinckney National Historic Site and Fort Sumter National Monument to recruit volunteers with RVs from outside of the local commuting area. The ability to recruit VIPs from outside of the local commuting area provides a variety of benefits to the two parks: recruitment from a larger pool of volunteers, recruitment for specific knowledge, skills, abilities, recruitment of seasoned NPS VIPs that bring institutional knowledge of the Service and the NPS VIP Program with them.

At the same time, the parks expend resources to ensure the RV sites and the VIP experience is safe and desirable. The parks also have a duty to ensure that RV sites and VIP use of the sites do not detract from the visitor experience. To help offset the parks' use of limited resources in maintaining safe and desirable RV sites and the VIP experience, and to ensure use of the RV sites do not detract from the visitor experience at CHPI, the parks rely on the assistance and cooperation of the volunteers in residence.

The following information outlines RV site information and the standard policy for hosting RV VIPs, as well as the parks' expectations of RV volunteers.

RV SITE INFORMATION

- Each RV site includes a wooden platform to serve as decking, a picnic table, Wi-Fi access, and hook-ups for water, sewer, and electricity
- The electrical hook-up is 30 and 50 amp service
- Depending on the site and site availability, the sites can accommodate RVs between 35' – 50'
- RV sites are located at the edge of a forested area within a grove of mixed aged trees. Overhead branches and limbs pose a risk from breaks and falls. The park is not responsible for damage to RVs from fallen branches or limbs
- Long Point Road, a busy commuting route, is nearby. The volunteer should expect road noise as part of their experience while staying at the RV site.
- RV volunteers have limited access to a washing machine and clothes dryer located in the adjacent barn. Access to the barn is available during regular park hours when a ranger can unlock the barn and disarm the alarm. Volunteers should discuss barn access in advance of need to eliminate potential conflict in the event only one ranger is on duty and cannot leave the house unattended
- RV volunteers have access to the grounds of CHPI after hours. This is both a privilege and a responsibility. Volunteers are expected to continue to adhere to all NPS and park policies after hours. Entrance into any park building outside of regular operating hours is prohibited
- RV volunteers are given a key to the park's entrance gate that allows them to come and go as they please. The volunteer is responsible for ensuring the gate is closed and locked correctly behind them. The volunteer will be trained on how to lock the gate correctly using the locking chain set-up. This is important as the set-up allows other authorized organizations access. Do not dummy lock the gate.

RV SITE LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

In an effort to support the integrity of CHPI's historic landscape, minimize stress to the park's protected wildlife, and to ensure a high quality visitor experience to the extent possible, the following limitations and restrictions are in place.

- RVs larger than 50' cannot be accommodated
- RVs requiring more than 30 and 50 amps service cannot be accommodated
- **Pet Policy:**
 - No more than two pets per RV or three pets between all three RV sites if multiple sites are being used at the same time
 - Pets cannot be greater than 35lbs
 - Pets are to be housed inside the RV when the volunteer is not present
 - Pets are to be leashed or kenneled when outside, and only outside if the volunteer is present
 - Animals that display hostility or aggression toward humans or protected park wildlife, or that are identified to bark excessively may be cause for terminating the volunteer agreement
 - As with regular park visitors, animals may be walked on park property, but must be leashed
- **Satellite, Technology, and Wi-Fi Policy:**
 - Wi-Fi access is a perk the park is proud to be able to provide our RV volunteers. While the Wi-Fi signal is mostly consistent, there may be a time or two that the signal goes down. Please report the signal is down to a ranger at CHPI or the park's IT specialist during regular operating hours only. Loss of Wi-Fi access is not considered an emergency
 - One satellite or antenna is permitted per RV site, but should not detract from the integrity of the historic landscape. Volunteers with large satellites and/or antennas, or those placed in locations without regard to the visitor experience may be asked to move or remove them
 - RV volunteers using other technology at an RV site or in the park after hours that is identified to detract from the visitor and other RV VIP's experience, or that is against NPS and park policy will be asked to cease further use of the technology
 - Drones are prohibited per NPS policy

MAINTAINING THE RV SITES FOR APPEARANCE AND SAFETY

The RV sites are part of Charles Pinckney National Historic Site and are to be treated and maintained as public facilities. The public has access to the barn area and the appearance and safety of the RV sites is a priority to the park.

- The first work day scheduled will include time for the volunteer to help clean up the site as needed. This includes raking and tossing accumulated leaves, sweeping spider webs, wiping down the hook-up boxes, identifying potential poison ivy locations so as to avoid them, and picking up any micro-trash or items that may have been left behind by former site users
- Trash will be contained at all times
- Volunteer will keep site warming decorations to a minimum. Any decoration that detracts from the integrity of the historic landscape will be asked to be removed
- Volunteers will regularly maintain their designated site to be free of trash and clutter. Extension cords and other lines used will be placed in a safe manner to prevent tripping and other potential hazards

- Volunteer will clean their RV site thoroughly prior to departure: raking and tossing accumulated leaves, sweeping spider webs, wiping down the hook-up boxes, and picking up any micro-trash. Decorations and household goods no longer wanted will be discarded in the park's dumpster. Do not leave items behind for anyone else to have to deal with

FIRES, COOKING, AND FOOD AT THE RV SITES

- Small portable gas and charcoal grills are permitted at the RV sites, but must be monitored at all times when lit and not placed where they are within 10 - 15' of surrounding vegetation
- No fire or grill may be lit or used within 50 feet of any building or vegetation, nor directly beneath lower lying branches and limbs of surrounding trees and vegetation, outside of the RV sites
- Building or using a manufactured portable fire pit is not permitted. Uncontained and open fires are prohibited
- Ensure all flames and coals are completely distinguished before considering a fire safe to leave
- Collection of down and dead wood is prohibited. Removing branches from standing trees and vegetation is prohibited
- To prevent the attraction of ants, mice, roaches, and other undesirable critters food will be contained at all times. Volunteer will clean dishes and pick up food bits that may have dropped in a timely manner. Feeding wildlife of any kind is prohibited
- Smoking is permitted outside of public view. Butts are to be contained as trash and not tossed to the ground. Ensure the cigarette or cigar is completely distinguished before placing in the trash

RV VOLUNTEER WORK REQUIREMENTS

- Volunteers must work a minimum of the equivalent of 32 hours/week. This requirement applies to each individual housed at a site
- Volunteers will be given at least two consecutive days off per week. If a couple, those consecutive days off will be together.
- The work schedule may have the volunteer working between FOSU, FOMO, LISQ, and CHPI as needs are identified by those locations respectively
- Volunteers are required to have a personal vehicle that allows them easy mobility between sites